

Application No.: 10/706,300
Filing Date: November 12, 2003

REMARKS

This Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is being filed along with the payment of the issue fee. The listing of claims has been revised only by the addition of new dependent claims 74-76.

Amendments to the Claims

New Claims 74-76 have been added to protect additional features of Applicants' claimed method. These claims are supported by the Application as originally filed, and no new matter has been introduced.

Claims 74-76 depend from Claim 73 and are patentable for at least the same reasons that Claim 73 is, and because of the unique combination of limitations recited therein. Moreover, these claims define over the prior art since the combination of limitations recited therein are not found in an individual prior art reference, or rendered obvious by a combination of prior art references.

Consequently, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims remain in condition for allowance.

Petition to Correct Inventorship

A petition to correct invention under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) was filed in this patent application on May 1, 2008. Specifically, the petition was a request to add Olav B. Bergheim and Morteza Gharib as joint inventors in the patent application.

Primary Examiner Leslie R. Deak's confirmation to Applicants' Attorney of Record William H. Shreve that this petition has been approved is gratefully acknowledged.

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Conclusion

The Examiner's consideration, approval and entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested. If any issues remain or require clarification, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned such that these issues may be promptly resolved. Also, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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